

# Submission form

## Notes

- A signature is not required if you are lodging your submission by electronic means.
- If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) please use form 16B. Refer to the EPA website [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz) or call 0800 CALL EPA (2255372).
- The closing date for providing your submission to Waikato Regional Council is 20 working days after public notification or notice is served. You must also provide a copy of your submission to the applicant. This should be done as soon as possible.
- If you need any further help, please phone our Resource Use staff on **0800 800 402**.

## Office use only

File no:

Consent no:

## Section 1: Application details

**Applicant name:** Waipa District Council

### Description of proposal:

(Briefly describe the type of consent, and the nature and location of the activity. If the proposal is for a change or cancellation of an existing consent condition, please detail the type and location of consent, the relevant condition and the proposed change. If the application is for a transfer of a water or discharge permit, provide details of the existing activity site and, if relevant, the part of the permit proposed to be transferred.)

**Please refer to the attached submission.**

The specific parts of the application that this submission relates to are:

**Please refer to the attached submission.**

## Section 2: Submitter details

We will use your email address as preferred address for service, unless you advise otherwise.

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**Section 3: Submission on proposal**

Please detail your submission below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

I/we (tick one option only):

- Support the application/s
- Oppose the application/s
- Neither support nor oppose the application/s (neutral submission)

My submission: **Please refer to the attached submission.**

The reasons for my views are: **Please refer to the attached submission.**

I seek the following decision from the consent authority: **Please refer to the attached submission.**

(Give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought.)

Please tick either yes or no to the following options:

- I/we wish to be heard in support of this submission  Yes  No
- I/we will consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others make a similar submission  Yes  No
- I/we request the functions, powers and duties required to hear and decide the application/s are delegated to one or more hearing commissioners who are **not** members of Waikato Regional Council.  Yes  No

(A request for delegation of hearing and decision-making authority must be made in writing no later than 5 working days after the submission closing date. You may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners. You may not make this request in relation to an application to carry out an activity that a regional plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.)

Signature of submitter:  Date: 19 December 2019  
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

**19 December 2019**

**Submission by**

**Hamilton City Council**

## **CAMBRIDGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE CONSENT APPLICATION (APP141113)**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Submission on an application from Waipa District Council (WDC) for resource consents (APP141113):

Activity 1: 141113.01.01	Discharge of treated wastewater from the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant to land (rapid infiltration beds) in the vicinity of the Waikato River.
Activity 2: 141113.02.01	Discharge of contaminants to groundwater (seepage) and to land through seepage from the aerated pond liner, wetlands and other structures that form any part of the wastewater treatment process in association with Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Activity 3: 141113.03.01	Discharge to air (odour) associated with the operation of Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- 1.2 HCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **2.0 SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE APPLICATION THAT THIS SUBMISSION RELATES TO**

- 2.1 All aspects of the suite of resource consents applied for.

### **3.0 HCC'S SUBMISSION**

- 3.1 Conditional support for the application for consents.

### **4.0 HCC SEEKS THE FOLLOWING DECISION FROM THE CONSENT AUTHORITY**

- 4.1 HCC seeks the grant of consents to enable the ongoing operation of the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWWTP) but subject to the consents including conditions which satisfactorily address the following matters.
- 4.2 How the grant of consents gives effect to the Waikato Regional Policy Statement Policies 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4; Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa Waikato (The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River), and the Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2019. In particular:
- Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Policy 4.1; Integrated Management, which requires an integrated approach to resource management that recognises the benefits of aligning the decisions of relevant management agencies across boundaries; maximises the benefits and efficiencies of working together; maximises opportunities to achieve multiple objectives; takes a long-term strategic approach which recognises the changing environment and

changing resource use pressures and trends; applies consistent and best practice standards and processes to decision-making.

- b) Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Policy 4.2; Collaborative approach which requires Waikato Regional Council to recognise and provide for the unique role that territorial authorities have in the implementation of the provisions of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement; and encourage collaboration, participation and information sharing between resource management agencies, tāngata whenua and relevant stakeholders, particularly where there are shared or overlapping responsibilities or functions for issues or resources, and including when resources or issues cross boundaries.
- c) Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Policy 4.3; Tāngata Whenua. Tāngata whenua are provided appropriate opportunities to express, maintain and enhance the relationship with their rohe through resource management and other local authority processes.
- d) Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Policy 4.4; Regionally significant industry and primary production (in particular 4.4 (d) states: Co-ordinating infrastructure and service provision at a scale appropriate to the activities likely to be undertaken, and Policy 4.4.2 implementation method which requires Local Authorities and infrastructure and service providers, and industry organisations, to collaborate in respect to the design, co-ordination and provision of infrastructure and services.
- e) Te Ture Whaimana (Vision & Strategy) which has 13 objectives relating to the Waikato River. HCC values its partnership with Waikato-Tainui and mana whenua and seeks that WDC collaborate with our Iwi partners in relation to any submission they may make to the CWWTP consent in order to reach mutual agreement on how Te Ture Whaimana is achieved through the consent.
- f) Proposed National policy Statement for Freshwater Management (2019), which requires integrated management in such a way includes encouraging the co-ordination and sequencing of regional or urban growth, land use and development, and the provision of infrastructure. In order to give effect to the National Policy Statement, local authorities that share jurisdiction over a catchment should co-operate in the integrated management of the effects on freshwater of land use and development.

- 4.3 HCC has a specific interest in ensuring that the conditions imposed, including the duration of the consents, do not inhibit or frustrate the integration of the CWWTP with the Waikato Sub-Regional 3 Waters Project which could involve a centralised wastewater facility somewhere to the south of Hamilton that has the potential to best achieve the project vision and Te Ture Whaimana. This option is acknowledged in the resource consent application under consideration and is one of the short-listed options for Cambridge that will be investigated as part of the sub-regional study and the Cambridge long-term consenting project.
- 4.4 HCC also has a specific interest in conditions addressing the treatment capacity at the CWWTP, as septage from Waipa District requires an adequate treatment location. WDC is seeking assistance from HCC to manage this situation through the Pukete WWTP. Accepting out of district septage presents a number of risks to HCC that must be addressed in order for HCC to agree to receive the septage. HCC support of the consent applications is conditional upon reaching an acceptable agreement with WDC regarding the receipt of septage from the Waipa District at the Pukete WWTP.
- 4.5 Hamilton City's potable water supply intake is located downstream of the CWWTP discharge. Consent conditions are sought which actively manage all risks which might potentially arise to that potable water supply.

## 5.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 5.1 Should the Waikato Regional Council require clarification of the above points, or additional information, please contact Jackie Colliar (Strategic Manager - Infrastructure, City Development) on 07 959 9058, 027 808 3722, email [jackie.colliar@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:jackie.colliar@hcc.govt.nz) in the first instance.
- 5.2 Hamilton City Council **wishes to be heard** in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully



**Richard Briggs**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**